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Applicants: Wang, et al.

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For: **PHOSPHORUS-CONTAINING FLAME-RETARDANT HARDENERS,
EPOXY RESINS, ADVANCED EPOXY RESINS AND CURED EPOXY
RESINS**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Examiner's communication mailed July 24, 2003, having a deadline for response expiring October 24, 2003, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute in this application the following species:

(i) Hardeners A-I in Claim 1.

This election therefore encompasses:

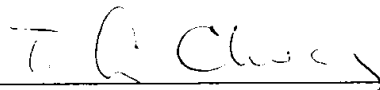
I. Claims 1 – 25, drawn to hardeners, classified in Class 987, subclass 140.

Because Applicants have elected Group I, Applicants also elect, without traverse, to prosecute the following species of hardener:

Hardener I, which contains only Q'.

Claims 1, 8, 10, 23 are readable upon this species.

Respectfully submitted,



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